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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 4.9% IN NOVEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., December 20, 1989 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 4.9 percent to 32.7 billion passenger miles in November, and the number of passengers increased 1.7 percent to 34.9 million, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic revenue passenger miles grew 3.3 percent in November over the same period last year. Available seat miles increased 1.8 percent to 42.1 billion, while the load factor was 60.5 percent, up from 59.7 percent for November a year ago.

In international service, traffic in November climbed 11.3 percent, and available seat miles rose 10.5 percent. Passengers increased 6.9 percent, and the load factor amounted to 60.5 percent compared to 60.0 percent last year.

For the first seven months of 1989, revenue passenger miles in domestic and international service were up 2.0 percent to 386.7 billion, and the available seat miles rose 0.9 percent to 607.0 billion. The number of passengers decreased 0.9 percent to 395.2 million, and the load factor amounted to 63.7 percent versus 63.0 percent last year.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

NOVEMBER 1989 - 1988

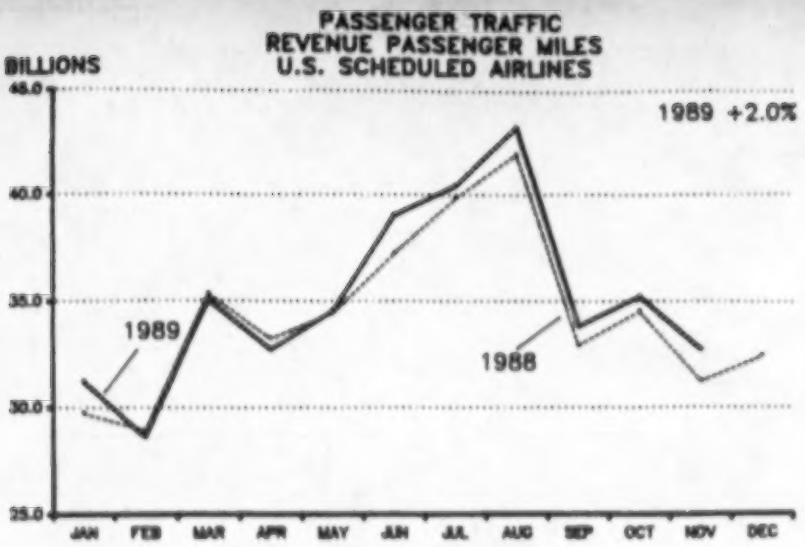
	NOVEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE	1988	1989	PERCENT CHANGE
DOMESTIC						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	31,753	32,174	1.3	366,554	361,798	(1.3)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	24,658,842	25,464,140	3.3	293,902,545	293,719,447	(0.1)
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	41,333,778	42,066,672	1.8	475,065,599	467,566,014	(1.6)
LOAD FACTOR (%)	59.7	60.5		61.9	62.8	
INTERNATIONAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	2,588	2,767	6.9	32,193	33,370	3.7
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	6,528,800	7,267,203	11.3	85,220,103	92,997,970	9.1
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	10,875,591	12,012,550	10.5	126,393,425	139,398,911	10.3
LOAD FACTOR (%)	60.0	60.5		67.4	66.7	
TOTAL						
PASSENGER ENPLANEMENTS (000)	34,341	34,941	1.7	398,747	395,168	(0.9)
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	31,187,642	32,731,343	4.9	379,122,648	386,717,417	2.0
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	52,209,369	54,079,222	3.6	601,459,024	606,964,925	0.9
LOAD FACTOR (%)	59.7	60.5		63.0	63.7	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, ALASKA, ALOHA, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, AND SOUTHWEST.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULED PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

MONTH	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	LOAD FACTOR	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1988				
January	29,650,442	52,927,211	56.0	31,186
February	28,942,984	50,163,135	57.7	32,050
March	35,326,656	54,786,969	64.5	38,811
April	33,240,219	53,065,878	62.6	35,866
May	34,381,529	55,049,442	62.5	36,737
June	37,243,100	55,884,844	66.6	38,021
July	39,818,796	58,316,508	68.3	39,585
August	41,895,721	58,998,348	71.0	41,540
September	32,925,084	54,470,014	60.4	33,995
October	34,510,475	55,587,306	62.1	36,615
November	31,187,642	52,209,369	59.7	34,341
December	32,434,239	55,695,092	58.2	34,230
TOTAL 1988	411,556,887	657,154,116	62.6	432,977
Jan - Nov 1988	379,122,648	601,459,024	63.0	398,747
1989				
January	31,232,713	55,596,547	56.2	32,150
February	28,509,774	50,122,031	56.9	30,610
March	35,013,709	53,796,842	65.1	37,237
April	32,657,967	52,468,698	62.2	33,993
May	34,457,457	54,919,755	62.7	35,908
June	39,058,160	55,791,647	70.0	38,449
July	40,820,138	58,446,370	69.8	39,608
August	43,233,256	59,457,357	72.7	42,042
September	33,818,820	55,656,690	60.8	33,668
October	35,184,080	56,629,766	62.1	36,562
November	32,731,343	54,079,022	60.5	34,941
TOTAL 1989	386,717,417	606,964,725	63.7	395,168

	PERCENT CHANGE		
	REVENUE PASSENGER MILES (000)	AVAILABLE SEAT MILES (000)	ENPLANEMENTS (000)
1989/1988			
November	4.9	3.6	1.7
Jan - November	2.0	0.9	-0.9


PASSENGER TRAFFIC
REVENUE PASSENGER MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
BILLIONS
45.0
40.0
35.0
30.0
25.0
1989 +2.0%
1989
1988
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CAPACITY
AVAILABLE SEAT MILES
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
BILLIONS
1989 +0.9%
1989
1988
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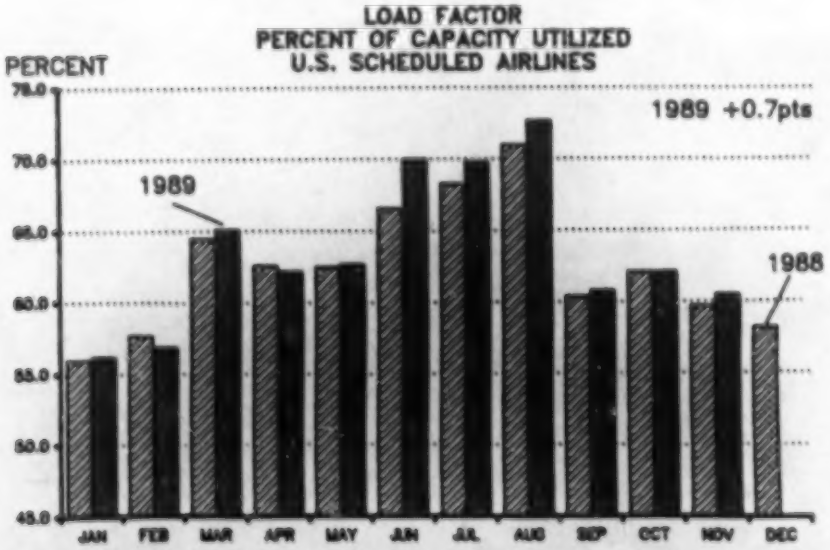
LOAD FACTOR
PERCENT OF CAPACITY UTILIZED
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
PERCENT
1989 +0.7pts
1989
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